

**REMARKS**

**Claims 1-8 and 10** are all the claims pending in the application. By this Amendment, Applicants amend claim 1 and cancel claim 9 to place the application in condition for allowance. No new subject matter has been entered.

**Summary of Office Action**

**Claims 1-5** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Maxemchuk (U.S. Patent No. 6,782,490) in view of Gupta (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0075805).

**Claims 6-8 and 10** are allowed.

**Claim 9** is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

**Claims 1-5 are Allowable**

**Claim 1** has been amended to include the features of now canceled claim 9. It is, therefore, respectfully submitted that **claims 1-5** are allowable.

**CONCLUSION**

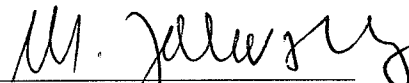
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

*AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116*  
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